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Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 2 to read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A self-anchoring beach umbrella comprising:
 - (a) a canopy member having an upper tubular element, to which a spreadable canopy is attached, and a lower tubular element, within which is formed an axial lumen;
 - (b) a pole member having: (i) an upper element, formed for insertion into the axial lumen of the canopy member; (ii) a motor element, comprising a variable-speed reversible DC electric motor, having on its lower end an axially-disposed shaft through which a rotary torque is generated when the motor is activated; and (iii) an auger comprising a cylindrical axis about which is wrapped helical flighting in either a clockwise or